

NEW YEAR GOALS

CITY MANAGER'S BIMONTHLY UPDATE

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New Year, New Opportunities

"The reward for work well done is the opportunity to do more." - Jonas Salk

It is with unbridled enthusiasm and an abundance of gratitude that I welcome 2023. Over the past year, I have worked with an astonishingly progressive city council, a great leadership team, and a group of invaluable dedicated men and women who have devoted their time and energy to making the City of Antioch a better place for all. We, both residents and city team members, have so much to celebrate. From the construction of our new **Brackish Water Desalination Project** to the creation of our new **Public Safety and Community Resources Department**, the City of Antioch has been on the move to transform our once small agriculturally industrialized city into a thriving egalitarian one near the Delta. With all our accomplishments in 2022, we, as a City, still have work to do.

In the coming year, efforts are being explored to revitalize our downtown dining area, conduct a feasibility study on the expansion of a **multi-city ferry system**, and bring online our first-ever interim housing hotel that will house and provide much-needed wrap-around services to our unhoused residents.

The City is also facing challenges that will require additional effort from our residents and team members. Urban growth and rent stabilization are two pressing issues that need further collective commitment toward creatively developing affordable housing and responsibly **managing city resources**. Additionally, funding our new capital improvement projects is a task that will call for individual innovation, collective creativity, and collaboration with our county, state, and federal partners.

As your City Manager, I want to express my commitment to working closely with our elected officials, residents, and business partners. Let us all reflect on 2022 as a time we collaboratively made incredible strides in **transforming our City**. Now the time is upon us, and opportunity awaits with a chance to build upon what we already jointly and cooperatively have accomplished. With a New Year comes a new opportunity to embrace our diversity, assist our unhoused citizens, and hope that tomorrow will bring a better day and year for us all. Happy New Year!

CITY MANAGER CORNELIUS H. JOHNSON





Neighborhood Cleanup

The 117th Neighborhood Cleanup event will occur on **Saturday, January 14, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

We will clean the neighborhood around *Chichibu Park on Longview Road from G Street to Longview Court and Meadowbrook Road to Fraser Road.* Volunteers should meet at the parking lot of Chichibu Park on the corner of Acorn Road and G Street .

The City of Antioch, Neighborhood Cleanup program is for more than just for residential neighborhoods. It is a program that will change venues monthly and include business and commercial areas. **Neighborhoods free of trash are inviting**, and a clean community instills a sense of community pride.

Volunteers will receive instructions and the equipment necessary to accomplish the goal. The targeted area is within walking distance.

Remember, cleaning up your neighborhood can make **life better for your family, your neighbors, and your community!**

ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT

K9 Perro!

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We're usually pretty good around here at introducing you to our new employees. Well, K9 Perro seemed to take it personally that we skipped his **first official day of work** and decided to show off on day two!!



K9 Perro and his partner, Officer Marcotte, were assisting one of our other officers on a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle started to become increasingly nervous and uncooperative when officers asked about anything illegal in the car. Upon **safely detaining the driver and his passenger**, K9 Perro (trained in firearms detection) helped our officers locate a firearm and loaded magazines in the vehicle. In addition to the firearm, a considerable amount of cash and several pounds of suspected narcotics were also located in the vehicle.

Perro is our newest addition to the APD K-9 unit and is a 2-year-old Belgian Malinois from the Netherlands. He is trained for patrol duties and **cross-trained for firearms and article detection**, and if he's doing this well on day two, we can't wait to see what the rest of his time with us brings!

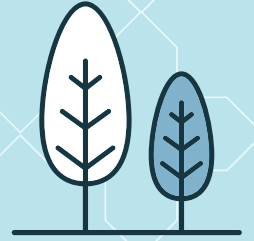
As for the occupants of the vehicle, they were **both booked** on numerous felony charges of narcotics and firearms violations and sent to the county jail.



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ANTIOCH RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Holiday Basketball Clinic is a Slam Dunk

On December 10th, the Antioch Recreation Department partnered with the Golden State Warriors to offer a Holiday Clinic to over **90 local youth ages 9-12**. The two-hour clinic featured drill stations led by Warriors Academy Coaches. Local basketball legend Ivan Rabb (Bishop O'Dowd HS, UC Berkeley, Memphis Grizzlies, and New York Knicks) gave a presentation on mindfulness, meditation, and motivation for the young athletes in attendance. The clinic concluded with a performance by the **Golden State Warriors Dunk Team**, and every player was gifted a prize donated by the Warriors on their way out. This clinic marked the beginning of the 2023 Jr. Warriors season, which runs December-May and features over 500 Antioch youth participating each week. [Click here](#) or on the image above for the video recap of the event.

Building a Great Safety Team

The Antioch Water Park spent its holiday season gearing up for 2023! During the last couple weeks of December, the lifeguard team was recertified to ensure their skills were at the highest level as they set their sights on upcoming Spring and Summer programs. The Antioch Water Park began accepting employment applications for all part-time positions on January 1, 2023.



B-I-N-G-O!

We are excited to announce that we are re-introducing Bingo at the Antioch Senior Center in a "prize-only" format. We intend to return to original format soon! Bingo happens at the Senior Center on Thursdays from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm; please come and join in!

MLK Day Of Service

The MLK Day of Service is being held from 9:00-11:00 am at Prewett Community Park on Lone Tree Way. Please bring work gloves and plan on helping clean up the local park, laying new mulch, planting a few trees, and more. The second location for volunteers will be at Waldie Plaza for a community trash pickup. Let's work together to build a stronger and cleaner Antioch! Pre-registration is required [here](#). Use Activity #10242 for Prewett Community Park or #10243 for Waldie Plaza (*Only one registration is needed per Family Group*).



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ANIMAL SERVICES



Friends of Animal Services

Since the COVID pandemic began in March 2020, Antioch Friends of Animal Services (FOAS) has sponsored adoption fees for all pets in the Antioch Animal Shelter. Through their generosity, more than 1,300 shelter pets have found new homes! We cannot thank Friends of Animal Services enough for their continued support and look forward to our continued partnership in 2023.

FOAS is still sponsoring adoption fees through January 15, 2023. We have a lot of great dogs and cats available for adoption. To view our pets, [visit 24petconnect](#), enter our zip code (94509) and search for adoptable pets. If you find a pet you are interested in, call us at (925) 779-6989 to schedule a meet-and-greet appointment. The Antioch Animal Shelter is open from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday-Saturday. Appointments are available every half hour. Antioch residents will need to purchase a \$20.00 dog license at the time of adoption.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Currently open recruitments include:

- Police Officer Lateral (continuous)
- Police Academy Graduate/Student (continuous)
- Police Trainee (continuous)
- Accounting Technician
- Equipment Mechanic I/II
- Junior Engineer/Assistant Engineer/Associate Civil Engineer
- Operations Supervisor (Public Works Maintenance)
- Senior Civil Engineer
- Youth Services Program Coordinator

Hires/Reclassifications/Promotions

- **Emily Modar** was hired as Business License Representative I for the Finance Department effective December 18, 2022
- **Theodore Romano** was promoted to Code Enforcement Officer for the Community Development Department effective January 1, 2023
- **Danielle Wisniewski** was hired as a Code Enforcement Officer for the Community Development Department effective January 3, 2023

Please join me in welcoming these employees to their new positions with the City of Antioch.

THERE ARE ALWAYS EXCITING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE CITY OF ANTIOCH!

The City's open recruitments can be found on the [Human Resources page](#) of the City website. Click on Job Opportunities or Promotional Opportunities, click on the job Position, click on Apply.



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Building Services Division Webpage UPDATES

The Building Services Division (commonly known as the Building Department) recently worked with other Community Development Department **staff to update** their webpage to make it more accessible and easier to use. The site now includes the following:

- New application forms
- An explanation of when building permits are required
- Submittal requirements
- Information on online submittals

Currently, the Division can accept small project applications through email. In the future, the entire Community Development Department will be **transitioning to new software** enabling the whole building permit process to be conducted **remotely** – homeowners and contractors can apply for and receive building permits from any location.

The new application forms and **submittal checklists** will help applicants prepare a complete application that can be reviewed and approved promptly. New State guidelines **will expedite** housing projects even more. For those interested, the webpage also includes a link in the menu on the left, entitled Building Records, that offers a spreadsheet containing a list of all issued building permits for each month. We hope the new webpage will greatly assist residents and contractors in need of a building permit. Access the webpage [here](#).





CITY CLERK

City Council Meetings

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Participate either in-person or virtually. For more information, [click here](#).

CONTACT THE ANTIOCH CITY CLERK'S OFFICE TEAM

City Clerk and Elections Official (elected):
Ellie Householder, MPP email: ehouseholder@antiochca.gov
or call (925) 779-7008

Deputy City Clerk (staff): Christina Garcia, CMC
email: cgarcia@antiochca.gov or call (925) 779-7009

Boards and Commissions

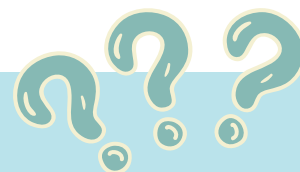
The City of Antioch encourages residents to become involved in our local community by volunteering for one of the City's boards and commissions! For more information and to check openings, [click here](#)



Request a Proclamation

NEW! Request a PROCLAMATION online by clicking this [link](#).

Proclamations are used to commemorate a specific time period (day, week, or month) for the purpose of raising awareness about an issue or celebrating milestones.



Questions?

Contact the
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PUBLIC WORKS



Public Works Sandbag Station & Storm Information

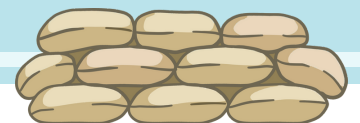
During storms, we will clear downed trees and limbs from the roadway, and clean-up crews will return to pick up debris after the storm. Our phones can become very busy during major storms, so we ask for your patience. Please use email to support our efforts to serve our customers as quickly and efficiently as possible.

To report street flooding, fallen trees or limbs, plugged storm drains or culverts, traffic signals or street lights out, or street signs down, please call (925) 779-6950, Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm or email publicworks@antiochca.gov. The Public Works office is located at 1201 W 4th St. For after hours, our emergency standby crew is on call seven days a week, 24 hours a day; call (925) 778-2441.

For your well-being and safety at home, keep a watchful eye for leaves and debris collecting in the curb and gutter to ensure the storm drains remain clear to prevent street flooding. Have battery-operated flashlights and radios with fresh batteries ready. If you have a telephone system that requires electricity (such as a cordless phone or answering machine), plan for alternate communication - have a landline telephone handset and cellular telephone ready as a backup. If your property has a history of flooding, take advantage of the City's sandbag station **BEFORE** the storm hits. Use this link to follow the [Weather](#).

The threat of flooding is greatest at high tide; Use this link to check [Tide Predictions](#).

The City's sandbag station is self-serve and open 24 hours a day for the storm's duration. The sandbag distribution site is located at the City's corporation yard at 1201 W 4th Street (enter at N Street). If you see a downed power line, assume it is energized and keep yourself and others away. Call 911 immediately to report the location of the downed line, then 1-800-743-5002, PG&E's 24-Hour Emergency line. Click [here](#) for PG&E's Outage Map.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Strategic Plan

On September 13th, the Antioch City Council adopted the "Reinvest Antioch" Economic Development Program – Action Plan and Toolkit. With the adoption of this document, the process of creating an economic development strategy is concluded, and staff will now begin the implement phases of the Action Plan.

The Action Plan includes the following nine initiatives:

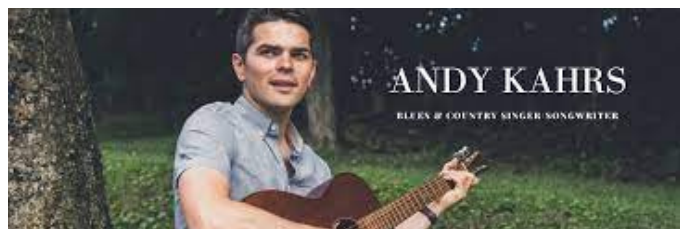
1. Business Development (Job Creation) Pipeline
2. Real Estate Development Capacity/Site Readiness
3. Workforce Opportunity Initiative
4. Entrepreneurial Development/Startup Assistance
5. Direct Project Investment/Public-Private Partnerships
6. Leveraging Housing Demand to Promote Economic Development
7. Regional Interface/Advocacy
8. Funding/Resource Expansion
9. Coordination with City (and Other) Foundational Functions

The Tool Kit outlines funding sources and financing mechanisms that the City may pursue to incentivize private commercial/industrial development. For more information, visit the Economic Development Department webpage [here](#).





ANTIOCH HAPPENINGS



EL CAMPANIL'S LOBBY SERIES PRESENTS:

**ANDY KAHRS "ALWAYS ON MY MIND:
A COUNTRY SONGBOOK"**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31st @ 7:30PM

ALL SEATS: \$20 | www.elcampaniltheatre.com

Our Lobby Series explodes into 2023 with Nashville recording artist Andy Kahrs and "Always On My Mind: A Country Songbook." This incredible young talent traipses through the songbooks of Willie Nelson, Glen Campbell, and many others in an intimate lobby setting limited to 50 patrons. Don't miss this fantastic evening of music!

Box Office Hours are Tuesday through Friday
10am to 2pm and 1 hour before each performance.
Call (925) 757-9500 and leave a message.
You will receive a prompt reply.

Canned Food Drive

The City of Antioch Council of Teens is hosting a Canned Food Drive in collaboration with the Food bank of Contra Costa & Solano. The food collected provides a greater variety of groceries for the community members we serve and is a tangible way for donors to visualize their impact.

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**Let's help feed the
families who need it
the most.**

For more information contact:
youth@antiochca.gov.

Donations accepted at:

Antioch Community Center
4701 Lone Tree Way

Antioch City Hall
200 H Street

Antioch Senior Center
415 W 2nd Street

Nick Rodriguez Community Center
213 F Street



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